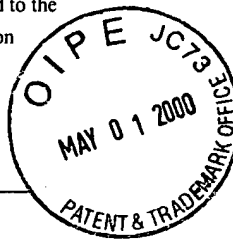


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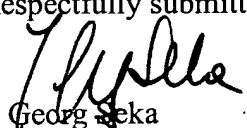
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Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2000 for one month, from March 29, 2000 to April 29, 2000.

Please charge the fee of \$55 to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees which may be due during the pendency of this application or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This Petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,


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